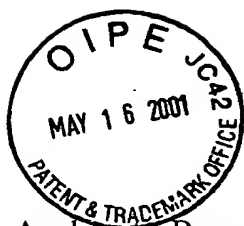


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Applicants: Baer et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Preliminary to action on the merits, please further amend the above-identified  
application as follows and consider the following remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 10-28, without prejudice.

Please add claims 29-48, as follows: